

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claim 7, and rewrite claim 5 as follows:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) An ophthalmologic knife for being guided into an incision formed at an eyeball and for widening the width of the incision, said knife comprising:

a handle having an end portion; and

a blade portion having a flat shape formed at the end portion of said handle, said blade portion having:

a front tip,

two cutting edges arranged on both sides of said blade portion in a narrowing manner toward the front tip of the blade portion, and

a guide portion disposed in a width direction of the blade portion having an arc-shaped linear edge without a sharp point disposed between the two cutting edges for guiding the blade portion into the incision formed at the eyeball, having a bottom surface, a top surface, a wedge-shaped cross section formed at a side cross section thereof in a longitudinal direction of the knife, cross sectional slopes formed at both the top surface and bottom surface thereof, and having a greater angle than that of the cutting edges, the top surface having an inclination angle different

from that of the bottom surface.

6. (Original) The ophthalmologic knife according to claim 5, wherein the bottom surface of the guide portion has an inclination angle greater than that of the top surface.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Amended) The ophthalmologic knife according to claim 5, wherein the flat surface of the guide portion is comprised of a straight portion and an arc portion continuing to the cutting edges on both sides.

9. (Previously Amended) The ophthalmologic knife according to claim 5, wherein the guide portion is treated with reflection prevention upon the surface thereof.

Kindly add new claims 10-12 as follows:

10. (New) The ophthalmologic knife according to claim 5, wherein the arc-shaped linear edge of said guide portion has an angle of from 36 to 150 degrees.

11. (New) The ophthalmologic knife according to claim 5, wherein the arc-shaped linear edge of said guide portion has an angle of from 36 to 90 degrees.

12. (New) The ophthalmologic knife according to claim 5, wherein the guide portion has a width of 60% or less that of a maximum width of the knife.